CHURCH NEWS

St. Ann's Episcopal Church

(9th Sunday in Trinity)
11:00 A. M. Holy Communion.
Rev. Robt. E. Withers, Jr., Celebrant.

Red Oak Baptist Church

Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
Training Union, 7:00 P .M.
Evening Worship, 8:00 P. M.
Rev. Lewis Garrett, speaker.

Appomattox Methodist Circuit

Aaron D. Smith, Pastor
10 A. M. Bethel.
"The Gospel and You."
11:15 A .M. Trinity.
"A Thirst For God."

Revival services begin Sunday evening at the Trinity Methodist Church at 8 o'clock. Rev. Fletcher Hardy, pastor of Oakland Methodist Church, Dry Fork, Va., will be the evangelist. Mr. Hardy, a graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky., is an outstanding preacher, having gained a reputation for his evangelistic fervor. The public is invited to these services. Special music will be featured throughout the week.

Opportunities At Liberty

9:45 A. M. Graded Bible Study.
11:00 A. M. Worship.
6:15 P. M. Cherub and Carol Choirs.
7:00 P. M. Training Union.
8:00 P. M. Worship.
8:45 P. M. Deacon's meeting.

Wednesday

6:15 P. M. Concord Choir.
7:30 P. M. Prayer and Bible Study.
8:15 P. M. Senior Choir.

Our pastor and six Royal Ambassadors leave Monday for the Cedars Royal Ambassador Camp at Marion for one week. Those planning to attend are: Harold Carter, Dickey Smith, Harold Conner, Butch Bryant, Calvin Ferguson, and Jimmy Crawens. Rev. Cravens will be the Camp Pastor for the week.

Memorial Methodist Church

Rev. Richard A. Bergdoll, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
C. W. Smith, Supt.
Morning Worship, 11 A. M.
Sermon subject: "The Christian Hope."
Evening Worship, 8:00 P. M.
Message by James Bergdoll.

Revival at Hollywood

A revival will begin at Hollywood Baptist Church on Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock, and will continue through Friday.

The Rev. Omah G. Burnett will do the preaching.

PROGRAM PLANNED AT LIBERTY

During the entire month of August, Liberty Baptist Church will be celebrating 125 years of service in Appomattox County. Each Sunday in the month will feature outstanding speakers and the Anniversary Celebration will be climaxed with Home-coming Day on the last Sunday in the month. Present and past members and friends are invited to attend services throughout the month of August.

As a part of the Anniversary Celebration, a book covering the history of the church from the time of its organization in 1834 to the present, will be available to those who wish to have a copy. You may give your name to any member of the History Committee or to the pastor, the Rev. J. T. Cravens, and a copy will be reserved.

Following are the committees which have been set up to assist with the celebration:

General Steering

Mr. George Abbitt, Jr., chairman; Franklin Vaughan, Paul Drinkard, Mrs. S. B. Marshall, Miss Annie Hancock, Mr. W. M. Abbitt.

Program

Mrs. A. R. Harwood, Jr., chairman; Educational Department heads —Mrs. Beulah Jamerson, Mrs. Paul Drinkard, Mrs. W. W. Scott, Mr. Thomas Richardson, Mrs. Vernell Mitchell, Mrs. James T. Cravens, Mrs .W. M. Abbitt.

History and Exhibit

Mrs. T. M. Trent, chairman; Mrs. Lester Harvey, co-chairman; Mrs. L. E. Smith, Mrs. Willie Moore; Miss Annie Hancock and Mrs. Ellen Jamerson, co-chairmen, exhibit committee; Mr Bobby Jamerson, Mr. Murrell Ferguson.

Publicity

Mrs. Vern Torrence and Mr. Billy Hubbard, co-chairmen; Mrs. Lula Ashworth, Mrs. Peggy Marshall, Mrs. Clydie Gill, Mrs. Nina Beasley.

Invitation

Miss Laura McFadden, chairman; Mrs. Tom Ferguson, Mrs. Lucille Ferrell.

Hospitality

Mr. Robert Hubbard, chairman; Mr. Joel Martin, Mrs. Thomas Richardson, Mr. Jerry Smith, Mrs. Jerry Smith, Mr. W. D. Morris, Mr. Charlie Johnson, Mr. Carlton Johnson, Mr. Carl Wooldridge, Mr. Lewis Ferguson, Mrs. Robert Baumgardner, Mrs. Kermit Campbell.

Highest Recommendation

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Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, July 22.- W. W. Thornhilland Paul Thornhill visited Leonard Thornhill Sunday at Johnston-Willis Hospital. They were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thornhill, of Richmond.

Mrs .John W. Gunter was carried to the Memorial Hospital last week for treatment. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Gunter are the proud parents of a baby boy, born July 13, at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Scruggs, Miss Becky Reynolds, Clyde Childers and Miss Faye Scruggs spent several days last week at Virginia Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Reynolds and family attended the Drinkard reunion, which was held in Lynchburg Sunday.

Dinner guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mills, Mrs. Mildred Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Don Thornhill and Donnie. Visiting in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stanley Jr. and Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Harvey Jr. visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill on Saturday evening.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

Should wives wait for the barometer to rise before asking their husbands for that special favor?

There is a valid reason why this system, admitted folklore, is often a good one. It depends on the husband involved, to some degree, but it is generally a safe rule to follow.

A rising barometer makes us all feel better. For the husband with corns, bunions, old wounds or creaky bones, a low barometer affects his comfort and nerves. A drop of barometric pressure affects one mentally, and also one's nerves, by causing dehydration of the tissues of the body.

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Bible Material: Esther.
Devotional Reading: Ephesians 6:10-17.

Courage in Crisis

Lesson for July 26, 1959

ONE BOOK in our Bible never mentions the name of God: the book of Esther. Indeed there is no reference to religion of any kind. Nothing said here about prayer, faith in God, repentance, immortality, sacrifice, public worship. Nothing about God at all. For this reason, from early Christian times there have been those in the church who have said that the book of Esther has no place even in the Hebrew Bible, let alone the Christian. But the church has kept this strange book, shockingly different as it is from the rest of the Bible. Why is this?

Dr. Foreman

A Head Held High

The reason is to be found not only in the fact that this book has an intricate and fascinating plot, not simple like Ruth but complicated, with a kind of barbaric dash about it. A tale that begins with a drinking party and ends with a massacre, is not "milk for babes." This however is not the main reason, one suspects, why the story has been preserved. It is rather that Esther brings out dramatically some valuable points about religion that is not expressed in words (prayers, liturgies) but in action.

Look at this one theme: "Courage in Crisis." (If the reader of this column has not read the book of Esther lately, I should do so before reading on.) The reader will think of Queen Esthers courage at once: but who put the notion into her head? It was her cousin and former guardian Mordecai. Now it is easy to tell some one else to be brave—"Let's you and him fight!" —but Mordecai was not that sort of person. He had a kind of courage himself. Refusing as he did to bow down to Haman was a risky thing to do. He could easily get his own head taken off for it. But Mordecai had a proper sense of his personal dignity.

The Timing of Destiny

If the rest of the family were like Mordecai and Esther, whatever religion they had they did not talk about it. It would have sounded pious for Mordecai to have said, "I fear God only, therefore I will not kiss the dust before this man Haman." But he didn't say that. It would have sounded pious, too, if he had told his young cousin, "God has brought you to the hour of destiny." But he didn't say that either. What he did say was, "Who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" He did not profess to know everything. He would not say flatly that this was the reason why Esther was queen. "Who knows—?" he said. It might be a mistake to approach the king—a fatal mistake. It was a risk—but worth taking. There is something very fine here. Courage is always a matter of risk. Courage based on a sure thing is not courage. Furthermore, while (as always) Mordecai did not talk about God, the reader has the feeling that he must have believed. The Queen and the Occasion: Mordecai just felt that they matched too well to be an accident. But who matched them? Any one who believes in destiny has a choice: either an impersonal deity, a machine, a blind fate, or else a wise and powerful God. The timing of destiny is either an unexplainable happen-so, or else it comes from the planning of God.

Courage in Crisis

So the lovely young Queen took over from her wise old cousin. She took her life in her hands for the sake of her people's lives. There is a great deal more to be said, but the reader will think of it, about Esther's courage. One act of bravery did not settle the matter. There had to be planning and scheming after that. Mere courage, without brains, is not enough. That is why men have exterminated tigers and tigers have not exterminated men. But the thing to remember is: Why was Esther brave in the moment that called for bravery? It was not that she was hypnotized or bullied into courage by Mordecai: not that she was a daredevil. She found the courage because she knew that on it, on her, many lives depended.

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Appomattox is a growing town.

Play safe — drive carefully.

Oakville

Oakville, July 21.- Rev. Aaron D. Smith preached a wonderful sermon Sunday morning at the Mt. Comfort Methodist Church, with a large attendance.

We are very sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Lawrence Hatcher. Our sympathy goes out to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. James D .Marshall, Kathy and Doug were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Clarke Moore.

Mrs. Harold Martin and Mrs. Clarke Moore attended the Harvey and Edwards wedding on Saturday evening at Central Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Coleman had as their Sunday dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Neal Yelverton, Betsy and Charles, of Mississippi; Mrs. Carrie Strasburg and daughter, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin Jr .and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beckin.

Little Doug Ross this week visited Mr. and Mrs. T. A.

The Mt. Comfort begin the first with the Rev. Smith, as guest preacher, any visitors will be welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton and boys, Jimmy and Wednesday morning for Georgia to join Mr. Yelverton and wife at Crescent Beach.

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Stonewall

Stonewall, July 21.- We have surely had some nice showers, for which we are so thankful.

Little Steve Showalters, of Lynchburg is spending several days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson, while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Showalters are attending a meeting in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard, Sr. had a family reunion of her folks on Sunday. Her mother, Mrs. T. M. Martin and all the sisters and brothers were present.

Mr. and Mrs .S .H. Dickerson, of Lynchburg spent the week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutson Dickerson and Danny, of Brookneal, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Payne and Dorothy Lefew and children, of Richmond were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McIntosh and family were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Burrell at Pamplin awhile Sunday afternoon.

Cassie Baldwin was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Martin and family of near Evergreen Sunday.

Misses Ann and Eleanor Ranson were at Pamplin one afternoon last week.

Rev. W .H. Elder preached a fine sermon at Rocks last Sunday morning.

Mrs. John Smith and her family, of Richmond spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. S .E. Anderson, and her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kraus.

Miss Lizzie Rice, of Richmond, is spending some time in the Anderson and Kraus home near here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheeler and children, of Richmond spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs .Irby Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beard, of N. C., visited his mother, Mrs. J. H. Beard on Sunday.

Mrs. Lula Holmes and family, of N. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Will Younger and Mrs. Ruby Oaks spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant, Sr.

We are all so happy to know that Mr. Billy Bondurant has had his discharge from the Army and is now back at home. He is one of our fine young men, and we are so proud to have him back home after being gone two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas had all their children home for the week-end, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Tanner, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Russell and children, and Miss Charlene Thomas, of Richmond Mrs. and Mrs. Kelly Stanton and Debra, and Ray Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick and Janet Stephenson visited Mr. B .W. Hamilton, of Amherst, last week. He lived in our community for a long time. Glad he is feeling well and looking fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McVetty and girls, of Royal Oak, Mich., are spending some time with her mother, Mrs. R. H. Thornhill.

We are sorry to hear that one of Mr. and Mrs. Darure's boys had an accident and got his hand hurt, and is in the University Hospital, Charlottesville. We hope for this fine little boy a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Cantrell Smith and two girls, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C .D. Carson.

Pamplin

Pamplin, July 21.- Miss Merle Davis, of Williamsburg, visited friends here over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cobb, Sr. spent the week-end in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs .Irving W. Lindenblad, of Alexandria were the week-end guests in the home of her mother, Mrs. H. T. Terry.

Miss Ernestine Southall, of Norfolk is spending her vacation here with her mother, Mrs. L. M. Southall. She left Sunday for Knoxville, Tenn., to join Mrs. Louise Lednum, also of Norfolk, to spend this week in the Smokey Mountains and at Asheville, N. C.

Miss Dorothy Lee Richardson, of Richmond spent the week-end at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Burton and son, Jimmy, of Roanoke, were the week-end visitors in the home of Mrs. Ruth Eaton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hinman, of Suffolk spent Sunday with Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs .Lizzie Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs .John J. Ligon and son were week-end guests in the home of his mother, Mrs. T. J. Ligon.

Mrs. Ruth Eaton spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mrs. W. G. Garrette were Mr. and Mrs .Bernard St. John and Mrs. John Davis, of Phenix .

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cyrus, of Spring Mills, and Mr. Benny Cyrus, of Lynchburg visited Mrs. W. G. Garrette last week.

Measles, 'Pox, Cupcakes

San Diego.- After baking 54 cupcakes to serve at her five-year-old son's birthday anniversary the next day, Mrs. Edith Lichterman was disappointed when the lad came down with a case of measles.

The party was rescheduled for later. Again, Mrs. Lichterman baked 54 cupcakes. This time, her son broke out with chickenpox.

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evening service sponsored by the First Baptist Church last Sunday at 8 P. M. The Rev. J. P. Rose, pastor of the Springfield Baptist Church, choir and members were the special guests. Rev. Rose delivered a special sermon from the subject: Jesus, Making Up the Shortage. All present enjoyed the message. Remarks were given by the pastor of the church and Rev. R. Q. Lawing. The offering was lifted by deacons from the Springfield Baptist Church.

A special meeting was held in the class room of the Agriculture Department last Monday by vocational teachers and county agents of this district, for making final plans for the junior market hog show to be held in Lynchburg on Monday, August 17, at 10A.M.

Rev. C. A. Marshall reported a successful revival last week at the Hat Creek Baptist Church. Five conversions were made. Dedication services for the new pool were held Thursday at 3 P. M. The Rev. C. H. Hill was the guest minister for the week.

Deacon Mace Lewis, who was hurt by his tractor recently on his farm, is improving at his home.

Mrs. T. W. Hamlet, who is studying at the University of Pennsylvania, was home for the week-end.

R. Q .Lawing attended a one-day forestry school in Halifax on Wednesday.

The annual revival will begin at the Jordon Baptist Church Sunday at 11:30 A. M.

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The public is cordially invited to attend the seventy-second anniversary of the Promise Land Baptist Church and the eleventh anniversary of its pastor this Sunday beginning at 11:30 A .M., and at 3 P. M. The pastor of the church will deliver the anniversary sermon of the church, and the Rev. James Franklin, Jr., will preach the pastor's anniversary at 3 P .M. Music will be furnished by the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church choir. Each member of the church is asked to give one cent for each year the church is old at the close of the morning service.

Plans have been completed for the annual revival of the Galilee Baptist Church on the first Sunday in August, beginning at 11:30 A. M., with the pastor of the church delivering the introductory sermon, with special music by the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church choir. The Rev .Carlton Cooke and his choir from Union Baptist Church of Baltimore, will be the guest minister at the 3 P. M. service. Dinner will be served by the ladies of the church at 1:30. Rev. Garland Thompson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Appomattox, will be the guest minister for the week.

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